
Mother of our beloved Acharya - Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji

Amma garu

Inspiration for Acharya Seva



How can we define Amma? Amma Garu - An Epitome of a Mother!

“Amma garu” fondly called by all of us devotees with love is an epitome of a mother. Pu:jya Aivelu Mangamma garu is the mother of our beloved Acharya, His Holiness Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji. She not only gave birth to Swamiji but also raised Him with the value of **Acharya Seva** shaping him into what He is today, loved and adored by millions of devotees for His service to the society as service to God.

We all know of Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji attributing every activity done to the vision and inspiration from His Acharya, His Holiness Sri Pedda Jeeyar Swamiji. This noble quality of dedicating everything to His Acharya was imbibed in Him first by His mother and subsequently by Sri Gopalacharya Swami and Sri Pedda Jeeyar Swamiji.

Ma:tru De:vo:bhava!

a:cha:rya me:ghama:!
karuna va:na kuriyuma:
ni: sri:pa:dapu bindu tappa
anyame:di valadani,
cha:takamai no:ru terachi
ninna chu:si tanuvu marachi,
a:lapinchu a:tma
pilupuna:lakinchuma: ||



His Holiness Sri Pedda Jeeyar Swamiji

Amma garu's life was full of challenges as she lost her husband at young age and she had to take care of five children. She worked hard and Srimannarayana (later became His Holiness Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji after taking sanya:sam) being the eldest son shared the responsibility to provide family support during 1973 to 1974. Srimannarayana later worked for Sri Pedda Jeeyar Swamiji who was traveling from place to place doing Dharma pracharam (spreading the values of Vedic tradition of inclusion and equality) and De:sa Seva (being a freedom fighter and social reformer who built the first Harijan colony in India).

Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji gratefully recalls a proud memory of His mother. In January of 1975 when Amma garu had darsanam of Sri Pedda Jeeyar Swamiji in Kakinada, Sri Pedda Jeeyar Swamiji mentioned about plans for her son's future. She responded "మీరు ఏది మంచిదనుకుంటారో, ఆ మార్గంలో పెట్టుండి" (Whatever righteous path Acharya chooses will be a good one for her son).

When Sri Pedda Jeeyar Swamiji left his physical body for Paramapadam, Srimannarayana was recommended to be the next Jeeyar by elders, to continue the services initiated and conducted by Sri Pedda Jeeyar Swamiji. For it to happen, our sa:sthras require approval from the mother.



With the conviction she had all her life for Acharya Seva and remembering the words she spoke to Sri Pedda Jeeyar Swamiji, she agreed stating that "I am willing to let my son become a Sanya:si for service to the society as Acharya Seva." She only had one wish i.e. her funeral pyre (agni samska:ram) should be done by her eldest son Srimannarayana (Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji). Srimannarayana agreed to it and took the Jeeyar a:srama sanya:sa di:ksha. He later fulfilled Amma garu's wish.

Allowing the eldest son to take the ascetic path for the sake of the society, even though he was the only bread winner for the entire family and that too when she was

going through adversities is a selfless act beyond any words. Amma garu was self-reliant and she never took anything from her son who became a Jeeyar. It is typical that mothers share their problems with their children for solace and support. But Amma garu in every form of communication with Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji only encouraged Him with these very important points -

- Have profound faith in Acharya Seva and glorify the mission and vision of Acharya every moment!
- Do your service and be good always.
- Treat everyone equally and impartially with love.



Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji recollects that Amma garu had extremely beautiful handwriting. She used to write letters to Sri Swamiji constantly encouraging Him about Acharya Seva and the letters never had any personal or family matters included in them. She went through both hardships and joyous moments in life stating, "Let Acharya take care of us". She was never shaken from her belief in this path.

She had Seva bhavana (compassionate heart) and was an active supporter of all the service activities led by Sri Swamiji. She encouraged Women Health Camps and recently participated in Mega Health Camp conducted in February

2020 in Hyderabad as a milestone of conducting 1090 camps. Amma garu from her savings used to donate Rs 30,000 to 50,000 every year for each of the different service wings - Netra Vidyalaya, Mahila Arogya Vikas, Go:sa:la, JIVA and Tribal Schools. She was a regular participant in World Cancer Day activities done by VT (Vikasa Tarangini) Seva Mahila Arogya Vikas. She expressed affection towards Nethra Vidyalaya children and Vedic students and on the occasion of Sri Swamiji's Thirunakshathram (birthday), she distributed sweets to all the children. She placed లోకసేవ (welfare of all) above herself and never asked anyone for anything. She encouraged the values of giving with humility and treating one and all, equally.



Amma garu was eager to have the darsanam of Sri Ramanujacharya's Swarna Murthi (gold deity of Sri Ramanujacharya) which was under lock and key with tight security, and soon to be installed in Bhadra Peetam as part of the Sahasrabadi project. However, she chose to be patient, did not use her position, respected everyone's time and waited for the right time and went to have darsanam along with several other devotees a few days later. This behavior exemplifies the simplicity and humility Amma garu had in not taking advantage of the situation and surroundings for her own personal gratification. Everyone should learn from this and imbibe true humility.

Amma garu gave mangala:sa:sanam (ha:rathi) to Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji as a blessing to empower Him with Acharya Seva. She would wait patiently and diligently to do that, even if it were late in the night as Sri Swamiji was busy with guiding devotees and volunteers in service and devotion throughout the day. When Sri Swamiji told her that it is not right for her to trouble herself, she responded with confidence and love saying "It is my right!". This reminds devotees of how mother Yasho:da bound Lord Krushna (Da:mo:dara) with her loving command.

It has been a longtime tradition that every Thirunakshathram (birthday) of Sri Swamiji starts with the blessings of Amma garu and Sri Swamiji does Ma:tru pooja to honor her with reverence, while Amma garu prayed to Sri Swamiji as Acharya. We know from Srimad Bhagavatham that mother Devaki prayed to Lord Krushna as God and also at the same time, blessed him as her son. Same was experienced by devotees in case of Amma garu and Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji every Thirunakshathram.

Amma garu is also known for her melodious singing. She would sing beautiful verses describing the greatness of Sri Ramanujacharya and the lineage of Gurus. Her song "A:cha:rya Me:ghama" glorifies the greatness of Acharya's compassion for the devotees.



His Holiness Sri Swamiji said "Let us all take Amma garu as an inspiration to bring up our children for the future. మన పిల్లలు మంచివాళ్ళు అవ్వాలి (Our children should become good human beings). వాళ్లకి ప్రేరణ ఏర్పడాలి (They should be inspired). All the mothers should take this as ప్రేరణ (inspiration) and be the guiding force for children to do service to the country and Acharya. Amma garu always used to say and remind us regarding this. All mothers should inspire their children for good causes. As parents, we should tell and do what is good for the children and not what may appear pleasant for them in the name of freedom. This should be realized by all mothers and it is the Dharma for them. Women are the alter ego of God! They create a new generation and it should be good."

Sri Swamiji also reflected on the truth about how children who were given form by mother end up doing final rites which make the form of their mother disappear. "ఆకారం ఇచ్చిన వాళ్ళని ఆకారం లేకుండా చేస్తున్నామే!" We should be grateful for the ఆకారం (form) and సంస్కారం (values) given by mother. We will always remain indebted to our mother -

"అమ్మ ఋణం తీర్చుకోలేనిది!"

According to our Vedic tradition, we are all greatly indebted to our mother for giving birth to us and the only way we can overcome that debt is by giving birth to our mother in another life. However, for those in Sri Vaishnava Sampradayam, there is not going to be another life, which makes us all indebted to our mother forever.

తల్లి ఋణం తీరాలంటే మరో జన్మలో ఆ తల్లికే తల్లిగా పుట్టాలి, ఆ తల్లి మన సంతానంలాగా పుట్టాలి. కానీ రామానుజ సాంప్రదాయంలో ఉన్నవారికి మరో జన్మ ఉండదు. అందుకే అమ్మ ఋణం మనం ఎప్పటికీ తీర్చుకోలేము.

Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji conveyed the message to all saying "Amma garu shaped us to do Acharya Seva and you ardent devotees adorned us with great services!"



నా చిట్టిబాబు పుట్టిన రోజు పండగ
నా స్వాతిముత్యానికి పుట్టిన రోజు పండగ

పుట్టిన వేళా పట్టెడు పువ్వులు చెట్టు చెట్టున నవ్వేనే
పూల నవ్వులే వేళ విరియించు వెగసితి వెన్నెల చేర్చేనే ...

On September 11th 2020 at around 11 pm Indian time, Amma garu (Alivelu Mangamma) who gifted to the world the most beloved Acharya Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji, began the journey towards God's abode, Paramapadam. She will continue to sing the above song and offer mangalasa:sanams to our beloved Acharya on every Thirunakshathram.

May her life dedicated in Acharya Seva inspire us to grow in our spiritual journey and service activities under the able guidance of our Acharya!